



## DORRIDGE & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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### ANNUAL REPORT

#### The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

7.30pm Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at Bentley Heath Community Hall,  
Widney Road, Bentley Heath, Solihull

#### AGENDA

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| <b>7.30pm</b> | Apologies & Minutes 2007 AGM & Matters Arising                 | <b>item 1</b> |
| <b>7.35pm</b> | The Chairman's Report - <b>David Glanfield</b>                 | <b>item 2</b> |
| <b>8.00pm</b> | The Treasurer's Report - <b>Alan Holder</b>                    | <b>item 3</b> |
| <b>8.05pm</b> | The Election of Officers & Committee - <b>Malcolm Shepherd</b> | <b>item 4</b> |
| <b>8.10pm</b> | Interval, Coffee, Tea & Biscuits                               |               |
| <b>8.30pm</b> | Question Time  |               |

# **1. DDRA MINUTES OF THE 46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2007 AT BENTLEY HEATH COMMUNITY HALL, WIDNEY ROAD, BENTLEY HEATH, SOLIHULL**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007 at Bentley Heath Community Hall.

## **Present and Apologies**

The Meeting was attended by approximately 90 people including David Glanfield as Chair.

Apologies were received from Bridget Trangmar, Mr and Mrs Cucking, Mr and Mrs Harrison, Mr and Mrs Allen and Derek Grimmett.

## **Minutes of 2006 AGM and Matters Arising**

The Minutes were approved. There were no matters arising.

## **Chair's Report**

David welcomed everyone to the Meeting and said that it was pleasing to have such a good turnout. A particular welcome was extended to Inspector Nigel Sarling and his Neighbourhood Police colleagues and also to Kerry Mountjoy from Solihull Council. David said that our three Ward Councillors would be arriving shortly following the conclusion of the SMBC Budget meeting. In addition to their already busy workload David said that our Councillors now met with DDRA following each of our Committee Meetings to discuss issues of concern.

Thanks were extended to all those who had assisted in maintaining the quality of life in our area. Kerry Mountjoy from Solihull Council was proving very helpful as were our local Police Team. We valued the assistance of John Bragg in managing our Membership database and Colin Bennett our Auditor. David paid a special tribute to the work of the Committee Members and finally to Debbie Pointon who had initiated the Dorridge Improvement Plan. We wished Debbie well in her new role now that she had left Solihull Council.

A welcome initiative in the last year had been the introduction of a close knit team of Police Officers dedicated to our area. Work was continuing in tackling anti-social behaviour linking with the work of the DDRA in providing youth facilities based on the viewpoint of the young people themselves.

Traffic issues remained a concern and in particular parking and speeding. Parking around schools was an ongoing problem and DDRA had joined with local schools and some positive strategies were being promoted. Parking Wardens had issued Fixed Penalties but these appeared to only have a short-term effect. Some of our roads suffered particularly from speeding and discussions were under way with Jim Harte from Solihull Council.

A traffic related issue was that of the proposed M42 Motorway Service Area and the DDRA had joined the Solihull Against Motorway Service Areas Group making the representations to the Public Inquiry commencing in June 2007.

David said it was disappointing that DDRA representations against the closure of the public toilets in Dorridge had been unsuccessful.

It was pleasing to see the achievements of the Adopt a Station project whose work was enhancing the appearance of Dorridge Station. DDRA had continued to undertake garden work mainly around the Station area and significant improvements were already apparent and these would continue.

The Newsletter remains our longest running means of mass communication and thanks were due to all involved in its production and distribution. Our website was our most recent means of communication and this had visits from over 4,000 people including from the USA.

In regard to Membership and recruitment David said that his hopes at the last AGM that we may be heading for a bumper year had not been realized and we had in fact only managed 768 paid up Members for 2006 which was 105 fewer than 2005. In regard to recruiting to the Committee we remained keen on bringing new and possibly younger people and it was particularly important that we have someone from Bentley Heath area as Lillian Gates our long standing Committee Member was now retiring.

At this point David paid tribute to Lillian's work and urged people from Bentley Heath to play a more active part in the DDRA.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Alan Holder referred the Meeting to the Annual Accounts included in today's Agenda. The Surplus was more than that for the previous year. However it was difficult to draw firm conclusions from this as there was an uneven flow in the Association's income and expenditure. As referred to in the Chair's Report the Committee was planning further expenditure on public spaces in the Village Centre and to utilise the Youth Account.

The Accounts were approved.

### **Election of Officers and Committee**

Malcolm Shepherd said that new Committee Members were needed and encouraged people to put their names forward. Although none were forthcoming Malcolm said that we would welcome informal contact from anyone who may wish to find out more about our work and who could be co-opted at a later date.

As nominations for the Association Officers were unopposed and the number of Committee Members was within the total number allowed in the Constitution, Malcolm asked the Meeting to elect the DDRA Committee for the forthcoming year as follows; Chair David Glanfield, Vice Chairs Glennis Portsmouth and Peter Radnall, Treasurer Alan Holder and Secretary Malcolm Shepherd.

Committee Members; Helen Bragg, Pam Nunn, David Bell, Margaret Johnson, Martin Lambert, Nest Overend, Ian Spencer and Bridget Trangmar.

The Election of the above was agreed.

Malcolm said he would like to take this opportunity to express thanks to David for his work as Chair during the past year and for agreeing to be our Chair for the coming year.

This was warmly endorsed by the Meeting.

### **Question Time**

David invited Inspector Sarling to say a few words about the current work of our local Police. Inspector Sarling referred to his own new appointment as head of the Rural Sector and that he looked forward to working with our local community. The Police were implementing a new devolved structure with dedicated Officers working in Ward boundaries and that Constables Williams and Harrison were working in our area.

Following a brief review of current issues PC Freddie Williams referred to an initiative to set up a Community Speed Watch whereby local volunteers would be trained to use speed guns to record traffic speeds. She asked people who were interested in taking part to let her know.

There were several questions from Residents regarding traffic related issues and particularly parking. There was general concern that although there were parking restrictions in many parts of our area they appeared to be widely flouted due to lack of effective enforcement. Councillors Mackiewicz and Courts explained the new powers that Solihull Council would be taking for parking enforcement during the next year. A Resident asked why Gate Lane appeared to have ceased to be of concern. Councillor Meeson said that various options had been considered but all had their drawbacks. One Resident suggested that local people could put notes on cars parked in their streets but Constable Williams advised against this.

David said that despite the strong flow of questions he had to close the Meeting due to pressure of time. He thanked everyone for attending.

## **2. DDRA THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – DAVID GLANFIELD**

- Welcome
- Membership
- Finance & Spending
- Thanks
- Improvements & Dorridge Village Centre
- The Question Time Slot
- Policing
- Motorway Service Area
- Joiners & Leavers

**3. DDRA ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY TO 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER** 2007 2006

<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>			
	Subscriptions & Donations (including £388.00 for 2007)	2,038.00	2,217.00
	Newsletter Advertisement Fees	2,212.00	2,635.00
	Notice Board Advertisement Fees	25.00	140.00
	Bank Interest	234.54	166.89
	Parliament Visit Receipts	0	1,200.00
		<b>£4,509.54</b>	<b>£6,358.89</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
	Newsletter Printing	1,390.00	1,390.06
	Plants & Landscaping	1,699.73	1,574.47
	Administration Expenses	315.65	363.53
	Insurance	225.00	205.00
	SALRUA Subscription	5.00	5.00
	Hall Hire	30.00	30.00
	Membership Cards	159.30	0
	Parliament Visit Expenditure	0	1,200.00
	Drugs Aware Week Support	100.00	0
	West Midlands Planning Aid	10.00	0
	Bench Seats (2 New)	1,225.29	0
	Christmas Light Bulbs	30.00	0
		<b>£5,189.97</b>	<b>£4,768.06</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>		- £680.43	£1,590.83
<b>YOUTH ACCOUNT</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>			
	Bank Interest	£140.72	£85.29
<b>BALANCE</b>		£140.72	£85.29
<b>OVERALL OPERATING</b>			
<b>BALANCE</b>			
	<b>General</b>	<b>- £680.43</b>	
	<b>Youth</b>	<b>£140.72</b>	
		<b>- £539.71</b>	<b>£1,676.12</b>
<b>BANK BALANCES HSBC</b>			
31 <sup>st</sup> December 2007			
	Current Account General	£634.59	£1,549.56
	Deposit Account General	£7,891.56	£7,657.02
	Current Account Youth	£1,114.92	£1,114.92
	Deposit Account Youth	£4,725.08	£4,584.36
		<b>£14,366.15</b>	<b>£14,905.86</b>
<b>OVERALL BALANCE FOR YEAR</b>	(equalling operating balance above)	<b>- £539.71</b>	<b>£1,676.12</b>

**Alan Holder, Hon Treasurer**

**Colin Bennett, Hon Auditor**

**4. DDRA OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS (16) 2007/8 - MALCOLM SHEPHERD, SECRETARY**

*David Glanfield, Chair	*Glennis Portsmouth, Vice Chair & Youth	Peter Radnall, Vice Chair & Editor
*Alan Holder, Treasurer	*Malcolm Shepherd, Secretary	*Ian Spencer, Planning Secretary
*Phil Smith, Community Development	*Helen Bragg, Membership	Pam Nunn, Events
*Margaret Johnson, Health	*Martin Lambert, Education & Transport	Nest Overend, Police
*David Bell	Bridget Trangmar	*Dianne Waldron, Newsletter Delivery
*Chris Haswell, Newsletter Delivery		

\*members who have agreed to stand for election for 2008/9 (12) Alan Holder is not standing for election as Treasurer